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(c) whether the recommendations of the Committee were unanimous;

(d) whether the Director of Public Instruction who was the President of the Committee, made any special recommendations on any of the points raised in the report, as Directcor of Public Instruction; and

(e) if so, what they are?

*A.*—(a) In March 1932.

(b) Orders have been passed on the question of providing religious instruction for Muhammadan pupils. The other recommendations are under consideration.

(c) The report was signed by all the members of the Committee, and there was no dissenting minute.

(d) In his covering letter when submitting the report to the Government, the Director of Public Instruction gave his own views on the various recommendations made in the report.

(e) These recommendations were intended only for the information of the Government and it is not considered desirable to disclose them at least until final orders are passed on the report as a whole.

*Alleged attack on Islam in the publication by Mr. L. Srinivasa Ayyar, Tamil Pandit, Government College, Coimbatore.*

* 635 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the publication by one L. Srinivasa Ayyar, Tamil Pandit, Government College, Coimbatore, in which the Prophet of Islam has been scurrilously attacked and reviled, particularly in the ninth chapter thereof;

(b) whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction received any representation from the Muslims of Coimbatore and other places about the publication by L. Srinivasa Ayyar of the Coimbatore Government College and protesting against the allegations in the said publication;

(c) if so, what action has been taken by the Government or the Director of Public Instruction on the said petitions or representations and to what effect;

(d) whether the said publication is prescribed as a text-book in Tamil for the fourth form in the high schools in the Coimbatore district; if so, by whom has it been prescribed;

(e) whether the said publication has been approved of by the Text-Book Committee or by any sub-committee thereof;

(f) if so, who constituted the committee by which the said publication was passed and who the Muslim members present were when the committee approved of the publication; and

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(*g*) what action the Government have taken and propose to take to have the said publication proscribed?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) Representations have been received from Anjumane Nounihalane Islam, Coimbatore, regarding certain alleged objectionable passages in a book written by L. Srinivasa Ayyar.

(*c*) & (*g*) The matter is receiving attention.

(*d*) The book has been prescribed as a text-book for Form III in the school department of the Government College, Coimbatore,, and in the Government Secondary and Training School for Women, Coimbatore, by the heads of the institutions concerned.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The Text-Book Committee is constituted under the orders of Government.

Government have no information as to the actual members present at any particular meeting of the Text-Book Committee and do not consider it necessary to call for it.

*Duties of the Superintendent, Connemara Public Library, Madras.*

* 636 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the duties of the Superintendent in the Connemara Library are; and

(*b*) how many assistants he has?

*A.*—(*a*) There is no such officer as 'Superintendent' in the Connemara Public Library. The Superintendent of the Government Museum is also Principal Librarian of the library. There is a librarian under him. As regards the duties of these officers, the hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 2160, Education, dated the 22nd October 1929, and the rules annexed to it which have been placed at the disposal of the Press.

(*b*) The librarian is assisted by the following staff:—

A sub-librarian.
An accountant and cashkeeper.
Three clerks.
Six attendants.

## Public Health.

*Stoppage of relief rendered by the Taluk Board, Kasaragod, to sufferers from snake-bite.*

* 637 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Local Government have ordered the stoppage of relief